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Manager's Newsletter

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Call for Action Proposed Sales Tax Redistribution Bill

The State Legislature is considering a bill (SB369) that will redistribute the sales tax in North Carolina. The effect on Kitty Hawk is that we would receive less sales tax revenue if the bill is passed.

The Dare County Board of Commissioners, the other Towns in the Outer Banks, and the Governor of North Carolina are opposed to the bill.

The population in Kitty Hawk swells to 20,000 each tourist season and this is not factored in to the SB 369 bill.

If passed the bill could result in a tax increase for property owners to cover the loss of revenue. Presently the sales tax is distributed based upon the point of sale. The bill before the Senate (SB369) will change the way in which the distribution is made to all municipalities and would be based on per capita. Since we have only some 3,500 year round residents, we stand to lose a considerable amount of sales tax revenue.

Should the bill go through, Kitty Hawk would be faced with a budget shortfall of some \$115,455 for FY 2017 and \$473,907 for FY 2020. The Town budget could not absorb the loss or revenue without the loss of services or an increase in the Ad Valorem tax. The shortfall could affect the solid waste collection, the public safety including police, fire, and ocean rescue, maintenance of our parks, beaches, and public buildings. The shortfall could also have an adverse effect on our beach nourishment program. The sales tax is used to support the mentioned services.

The bill would also have a devastating effect on Dare County, which could lose as much as \$12 million dollars from their General Fund. This could also cause a reduction of County services or a large increase in the County Ad Valorem Tax.

We are asking all property owners in Kitty Hawk to consider writing your State Officials to let them know that you oppose SB369 and that the effect would be devastating for Kitty Hawk.

The State Officials that you can contact are as follows:

Governor Pat McCrory
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0401
governor.state.nc.us/

Senator Bill Cook
NC Senate
300 N. Salisbury St., Room
525
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925
Bill.Cook@ncleg.net

Representative Paul Tine
NC House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street,
Room 1307
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096
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News Conference Regarding Proposed Sales Tax Redistribution Plan on Monday, August 3 at 9 a.m.

County and Town officials, joined by local business and industry leaders, will host a news conference at 9 AM on Monday, August 3 to discuss the local implications of the N.C. Senate's proposed sales tax redistribution plan. Audio will be streamed at www.darenc.com (click the 'Listen to Live Meetings' link)

WHO:

Bob Woodard, Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners
 Paul O'Neal, Chairman, Currituck County Board of Commissioners
 Don Kingston, Mayor, Town of Duck
 Tom Bennett, Mayor, Town of Southern Shores,
 Gary Perry, Mayor, Town of Kitty Hawk
 Sheila Davies, Mayor, Town of Kill Devil Hills
 Bob Edwards, Mayor, Town of Nags Head
 Jamie Daniels, Mayor, Town of Manteo
 Niels Moore, Chair-Elect of the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce
 Colleen Shriver, President, Outer Banks Association of Realtors

WHAT:

News Conference Regarding Local Implications of Senate's Proposal to Redistribute Sales Tax

WHEN:

Monday, August 3, 2015 at 9 AM

WHERE:

Dare County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive
 Manteo, NC 27954

Town Calendar

Town Council Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2015—6:00 pm
 Kitty Hawk Town Hall

Town Council Meeting Broadcast, Charter Cable 191

Thursday and Sunday, August 6th and 9th —1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2015—6:00 pm
 Kitty Hawk Town Hall





Budget and Finance Corner

New Property Tax Rates

The Town of Kitty Hawk Budget for FY 2015-16 includes property tax at 34 cents town wide (4 cents for Beach Nourishment) and an additional 12 cents for the Municipal Service District (MSD) for the Beach Nourishment .

Citizens should be receiving their tax bill to reflect the new property tax rates.

The tax bill shows the following breakdown for property taxes for the Town of Kitty Hawk:

KH TOWN - 30 cents town wide rate for operating costs

KH BCHNRSH - 4 cents town wide rate for beach nourishment

KH MSD - 12 cents for the MSD for beach nourishment

If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please feel free to contact the Town's finance director at [252-261-3552](tel:252-261-3552). The FY 2015-16 Budget and information on the beach nourishment project is also available on the Town's website at www.townofkittyhawk.org

Thunderstorms and Lightning

All thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning. While lightning fatalities have decreased over the past 30 years, lightning continues to be one of the top three storm-related killers in the United States. Although most lightning victims survive, people struck by lightning often report a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms.



Other associated dangers of thunderstorms include tornadoes, strong winds, hail and flash flooding. Flash flooding is responsible for more fatalities – more than 140 annually – than any other thunderstorm-associated hazard.

Before Thunderstorm and Lightning

- To prepare for a thunderstorm, you should do the following:
- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage during a severe thunderstorm.
- Postpone outdoor activities.
- Remember the 30/30 Lightning Safety Rule: Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Get inside a home, building, or hard top automobile (not a convertible). Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.
- Remember, rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. However,

the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.

- Shutter windows and secure outside doors. If shutters are not available, close window blinds, shades or curtains.
- Unplug any electronic equipment well before the storm arrives.



During Thunderstorms and Lightning

If thunderstorm and lightning are occurring in your area, you should:

- Use your battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for updates from local officials.
- Avoid contact with corded phones and devices including those plugged into electric for recharging. Cordless and wireless phones not connected to wall outlets are OK to use.
- Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers and turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.
- Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, do not take a shower, do not wash dishes, and do not do laundry. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors and do not lean against concrete walls.
- Avoid natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
- Avoid hilltops, open fields, the beach or a boat on the water.
- Take shelter in a sturdy building. Avoid isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- Avoid contact with anything metal—tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, and bicycles.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

After a Thunderstorm Passes

- Never drive through a flooded roadway. Turn around, don't drown!
- Stay away from storm-damaged areas to keep from putting yourself at risk from the effects of severe thunderstorms.
- Continue to listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or to local radio and television stations for updated information or instructions, as access to roads or some parts of the community may be blocked.
- Help people who may require special assistance, such as infants, children and the elderly or those with access or functional needs.
- Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately.
- Watch your animals closely. Keep them under your direct control.

From www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning



Emergency Calls – June 2015

During the month of June 2015, there were 113 calls for emergency service, a 30 per cent increase from June of 2014.

The breakdown is as follows:

Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
Assist Invalid	21
Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid	12
Building fire	1
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1
Chemical spill or leak	1
Dispatched and cancelled en route	5
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	1
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2
Good intent call	1
Hazardous condition	1
Medical calls	43
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	6
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	5
Service call	2
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2
Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional	1
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1
Surf rescue	1
Toxic condition	1

New Captain is Selected

Congratulations to Daniel C. Lindsey, who has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Lindsey has had a distinguished career in the fire service, having served as a member of the Virginia Beach Fire Department for 30 years, then as an EMT/Firefighter with Currituck County. In 2012, he joined the Kitty Hawk Fire Department staff. Captain Lindsey's fire expertise, leadership, and experience will be an asset to the department in his new position.



Captain Lindsey (left) with Chief Spivey.

Changing of the Guard



After 11 years of service providing administrative support to the Fire Department, **Carol Ferry** has decided to retire.

Thank you for everything you have done to keep the Fire Department running smoothly. We wish you the very best in your retirement.



With Carol's retirement, we welcome **Sandra Vanischak** as administrative support for the Fire Department. Sandra, who is a long time resident of the Outer Banks, comes with a strong administrative, accounting and payroll background.

Welcome Aboard!



Golf Tournament Thank You from the Kitty Hawk Fire Department

The Kitty Hawk Fire Department Association hosted its Annual Golf Tournament and Reverse Raffle at Sea Scape Golf Links on June 20, 2015. We are very grateful for the community's support. We would also like to thank the Sea Scape staff for their help with the tournament and dinner. Thank you to the golf team participants, business sponsors, those who purchased reverse raffle tickets, those who attended the barbecue dinner, and our members who organized and staffed the event.

We would especially like to acknowledge the following business sponsors for their substantial contributions:

Barefoot Bernie's
D & G Signs
Hilton Garden Inn
RPC Construction

OBX Chevrolet
Saga Construction
Sea Scape Beach & Golf Villas
Winks

Thank you to the following Kitty Hawk and Outer Banks business organizations that sponsored teams and donated raffle prizes of gift cards, passes, merchandise, and services:

Above the Coast	Great Atlantic Pool and Spas	Professional Floors
Albemarle Carpet Cleaners	High Cotton	Proof Bakery
Auto ALT	Islander Flag	Quible and Associates
Bad Bean Baja Grill	John's Drive In	Seagate Tax Service
Beach Ready Auto	La Fogata	Seaside Vacations
BK Shuckers	Made in OBX	Seto's Towing & Service Center
Café Lachine & Catering	Max's Pizza	Shore Clean Carpet Care
Carolina Shores	Mike Riddick Construction	Southern Bank
Cas N Cals Pool and Spa	Mulligan's Raw Bar and Grill	Subway of Kitty Hawk
Coastal Cab	North Beach Outfitters	Sun Shack Tanning Salon
Coastal Fast Lube	North Beach Sun	Sunshine Family Pharmacy
Country Deli	Northeast Marine	The Black Pelican
Curb Appeal Lawn Care	Outer Banks Glass	The OBX Romance Store
Deja New	Outer Banks Kayak Adventures	Towne Bank
Diamonds and Dunes	Outer Banks Popcorn Shoppe	Trio
Dowdy & Osborne, LLP	Outer Banks Tees	Waveriders Coffee & Deli
Duck Pizza	Outer Banks Tri Sports Inc.	WRV
Farm Bureau	Paramount Destination Vacation Rentals	Ye Olde Barber Shoppe
First Flight Cleaning Services	Pizza Stop	
Gray's Department Store	Precision Pools	

The day was a great success!



Kitty Hawk Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers

On July 17th the Kitty Hawk Police Department welcomed two new officers to its ranks, Jade Hawk and Tyler Kouskouris.



Officer Hawk who is originally from Ohio was previously employed as a deputy with the Camden County Sheriff's Office.



Officer Kouskouris is a lifelong resident of Currituck and recently completed Basic Law Enforcement Training at College of the Albemarle.



Please remember to watch the cross-walks for pedestrians and cyclist traveling on the roadways.

Dominion Power Launches Renewable Micro-grid Project In Kitty Hawk



Performance Monitoring Kiosk

office for the public to review live data and learn about the micro-grid project. There are also kiosks in Kitty Hawk Town Hall and Kitty Hawk Elementary School.

The micro-grid's solar panels are tilted east towards the parking lot (rather than the optimal south) in order to enhance the learning experience by allowing visitors to view the solar panels.

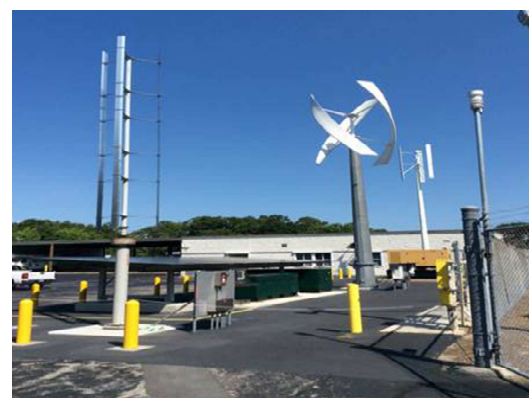
The micro-grid research project is allowing Dominion to study the effectiveness of an interaction between a number of small-scale technologies that residential consumers might choose to adopt. This includes batteries, wind, solar, and fuel cells.

On July 22, 2014, Dominion North Carolina Power commissioned its micro-grid research demonstration project in Kitty Hawk at the Company's Kitty Hawk District Office on The Woods Rd.

The site includes several short-tower vertical wind turbines, enabling Dominion to evaluate how small-scale wind performs in suboptimal conditions, such as the maritime forest.

All wind turbines at the office have hydraulic lay-down procedures allowing Dominion to secure the turbines before a storm by laying them flat on the ground.

A public-access kiosk and four visitor parking spots are available outside the



Three wind turbines, solar panels and weather station.



Fuel Cells



Solar Panels from back side and Battery System underneath

***Kitty Hawk Fire Department is
Recruiting Volunteers
Incentives Available
Call 252-261-2666 for more
information.***



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